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CHICAGO
DISTRICT**

Notice to Navigation Interests

River:
CHICAGO HARBOR LOCK

Date:
06 FEB 2004

Location:
**CHICAGO RIVER MILE - 0;
ILLINOIS WATERWAY
CHART MILE - 327.2;
NOAA CHART #14928**

Effective Period:
**10 MARCH 2004 -
29 MARCH 2004**

In Reply Refer to Notice No:
CELRC-TS-C-T: 04-001

SUBJECT: LOCK CLOSURE – CHICAGO HARBOR LOCK

CLOSURE DATES: Starting on Wednesday, March 10, 2004 through March 29, 2004 a lock closure will be in effect at the Chicago Harbor Lock. An inspection of the malfunctioning northeast lock gate by USACE maintenance crews will be performed. This work will require a "dry inspection", and will necessitate the placement of the semi-permanent bulkhead system, resulting in a total lock closure.

The above operation requires the establishment of a no wake zone on the lakeside (east side) of the lock. A serious safety concern exists due to the potential of overtopping wave action on the bulkhead system. All lake traffic transiting the area directly east of the lock is requested to proceed at a no wake speed of 5 mph for the duration of this inspection work.

Commercial shippers & other users of the lock should make alternate arrangements before the start of this work. For further information, please contact the Government Lockmaster at 312-787-4795.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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